

## **STARKE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR 2003 EQIP LOCAL RANKING CRITERIA**

### Resource Concern: Erosion

Resource Concern: "Is soil quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?"

Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current farming practices and activities.

1. Does at least 50 percent of the offered acreage consist of soil types with wind erosion "T" factors (Soil erodibility indexes) of at least 134 or higher, as identified in Section II of the Field Office Technical Guide? YES NO
2. Is the offered acreage located within a floodplain? The floodplain is defined as including any soil type identified in Section II of the Field Office Technical Guide as having a flooding frequency of any duration. YES NO
3. Is the offered acreage contiguous to any flowing water of a river, perennial or intermittent stream? A river, perennial or intermittent stream is defined as being depicted as a solid blue or dashed blue line on the U.S.G.S. Quadrangle maps. YES NO

### Resource Concern: Forest Health

Resource Concern: "Is forest health or quality being negatively impacted by activities on the land being offered for contract?"

Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current forest practices and activities.

1. Is the offered acreage located within a floodplain? The floodplain is defined as including any soil type identified in Section II of the Field Office Technical Guide as having a flooding frequency of any duration. YES NO

2. Will timber stand improvement be implemented on the offered acreage? YES NO
3. Is the offered acreage contiguous to an existing forest/woodland? YES NO
4. Does the offered acreage contain the invasive species of bush honeysuckle?  
YES NO
5. Is the offered acreage included within Indiana's Classified Forest Program?  
YES NO

Resource Concern: Livestock Management

Resource Concern: "Is water quality being negatively impacted because of animal production activities on the land being offered for contract?"

Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current farming and livestock practices and activities.

1. Is the offered acreage located within 500 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream, lake, or pond? A perennial or intermittent stream is defined as being depicted as a solid blue or dashed blue line on the U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Maps. Lakes or ponds are defined as containing a minimum of .25 acre surface water area and an average minimum water depth of 5 feet over the entire area. YES NO
2. Is the offered acreage located within the 14 digit HUC of a stream listed on the 303d list for Ecoli contamination? YES NO
3. Do livestock have direct access to any perennial or intermittent stream, lake or pond? A perennial or intermittent stream is defined as being depicted as a solid blue or dashed blue line on the U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Maps. Lakes or ponds are defined as containing a minimum of .25 acre surface water area and an average minimum water depth of 5 feet over the entire area. YES NO
4. Are the practices for which you are applying intended to alleviate or solve existing problems and not for expansion purposes? YES NO

Resource Concern: Water Quality

Resource Concern: “Is water quality being negatively impacted by agricultural activities on the land being offered for contract?”

Please complete the following questions as accurately as possible concerning your current farming practices and activities.

1. Is the offered acreage located within an area of high groundwater vulnerability?  
YES   NO
  
2. Is the offered acreage located within 100 feet of a perennial or intermittent stream, lake or pond? A perennial or intermittent stream is defined as being depicted as a solid blue or dashed blue line on the U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Maps. Lakes or ponds are defined as containing a minimum of .25 acre surface water area and an average minimum water depth of 5 feet over the entire area.   YES   NO
  
3. Is the offered acreage located within the Kankakee River or Yellow River watersheds?   YES   NO
  
4. Is the offered acreage located within 2 miles of a county “Environmentally Sensitive Area?” (County Environmentally Sensitive Areas only include Hartz Lake, Eagle Lake, Round Lake, Ober savanna, City of Knox Wellhead Protection Area, Town of Hamlet Wellhead Protection Area, and Town of North Judson Wellhead Protection Area).   YES   NO